GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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SICK IRON ORE MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sick iron ore mines at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) since when these mines have become sick; (

(c) the mines taken by the Government for revival, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to revive the remaining mines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d): Mines become unviable because of several reasons, including poor grade of mineral as compared to demand for the same. However, details regarding sick mines, including iron ore mines are not statutorily maintained under Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and Rules framed thereunder. The information, therefore, is not centrally maintained.